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CONTAINING IRON OXIDE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to fee calculations and examination on the merits. More specifically, all of the claims, Claims 1-18 have been amended.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.